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Field Notes

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8.6.86

First day on site - met at lab.
Cleared brush, trash from site and
started unbackfilling Area I.

8.7.86

Completed removal of backfill and sand
from area I / root cellar - Scraped
units down.

First tour given by John - in the rain.
moved onto Area 2 - began unbackfilling
it - working with Camille and John.

8.8.86

Continuing to unbackfill and define balks
in area 2. Left ^{early} to help Kate sighting stakes
and then again later to hold a tape off
the transit while Kate and Robert put stakes in.
Left site early today to take time sheets
into Annapolis.

8.9.86

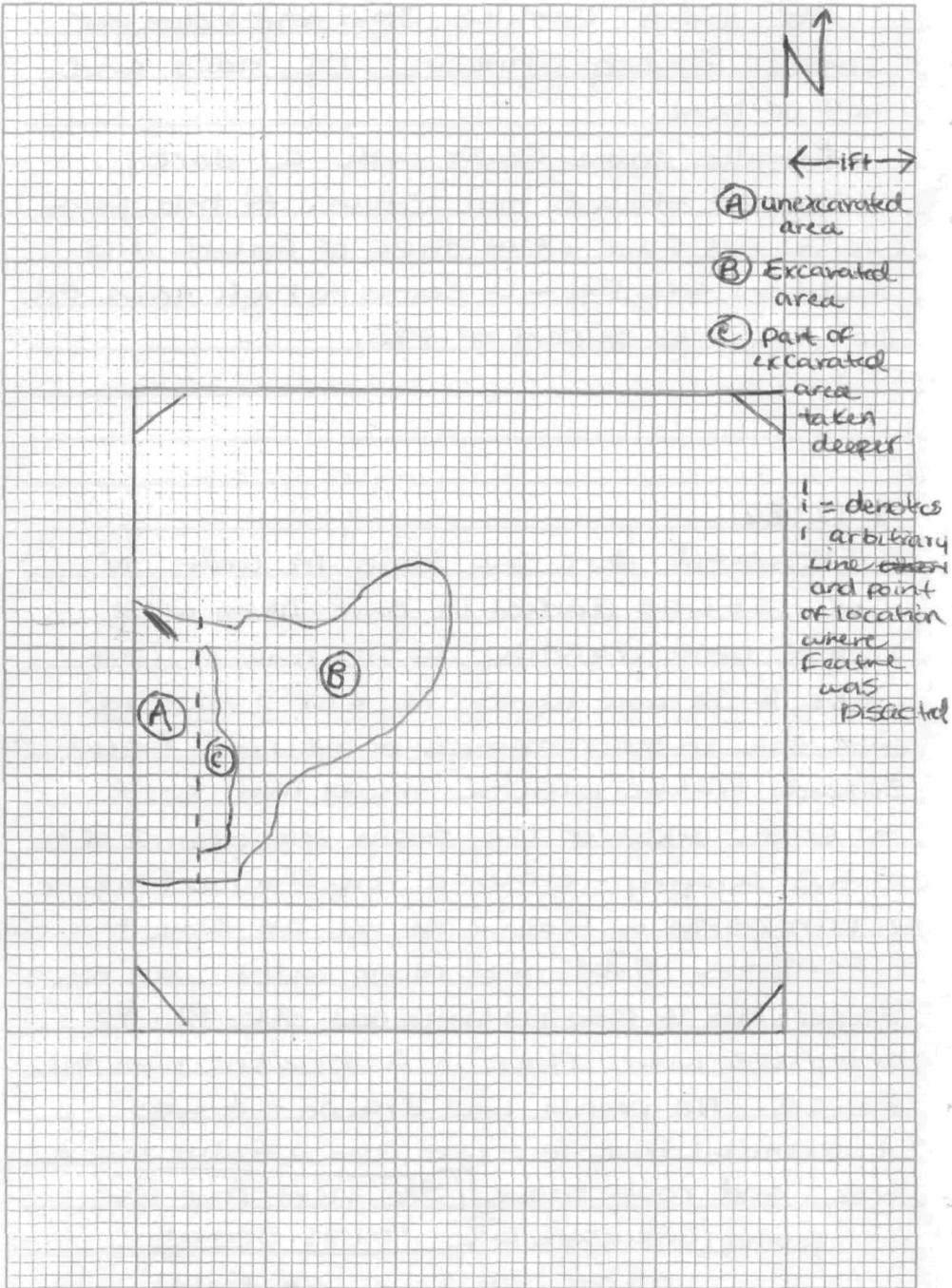
Began removing P2 Layer of unit N W with Camille, John and volunteer Linda. Finding whiteware, CE, nails and alot of bone.

Camille came down upon a dark, irregular shaped soil stain. At this point we're not sure what type of feature it is - could be tree fall - it seems to high up in the P2 Layer to be part of F22.

8.12.86

Excavated dark soil stain in unit N W. It was darkest in color along west wall of unit extending out into center of unit where it became lighter in color - mottled with soil in the remainder of the unit. Bisected then scraped feature with a trowel from west to East. Most of the stain disappeared after initial scraping - either a very shallow feature or perhaps not a feature at all but some tree fall or remains. Took area along west wall down deeper but it also bottomed out into P2. No artifacts were found in association with the feature. No profile was drawn - it was determined that this was not a feature but a tree and root stain. (See next page for posina (unsuccessfully) rough sketch) as one. We were not fooled.

8-12 contd.



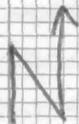
8-12 contd.

Remainder of P2 removed from unit. Large stones began appearing along North wall of unit running ^{west} from NE corner to center of N wall. More ceramics (* Weldon ware) CE, nails and bone were recovered.

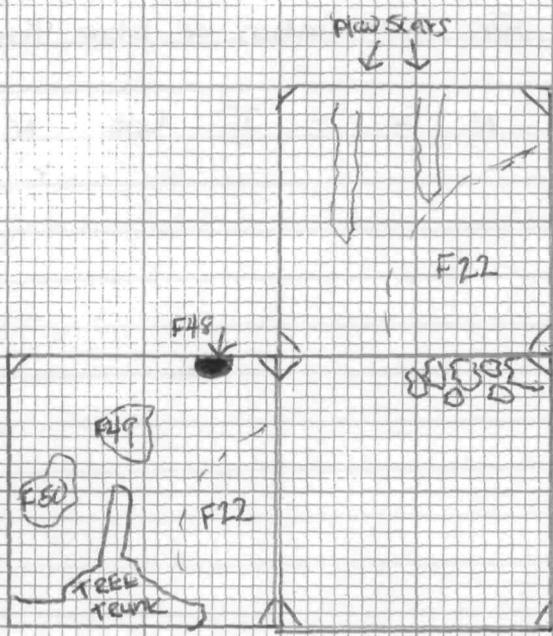
Stones might be part of Feat 22 - Cellar.

Two adjacent units - one directly north N W and one just west N W will be taken out next to look for continuation of stone line.

Cernille took N W - I took N W.



← 2.5' →



8.13.86

Feature 22, but no stones showed up in both unit N W and unit N W.

Camille and I reviewed previous Excavation reports for both units

Besides feat. 22 - features 48, 49, 50 were also uncovered in my unit.

Katie and Robert decided that the rest of Area 2 should be unbackfilled before any more single unit be taken down.

8.14.86

Serious Fun begins in Area 2. Camille, John and I begin removing backfill and sand from units.

8.15.86

The Fun continues - remainder of Area 2 is unbackfilled.

8-16-86

Sand cleared from remaining Section Area 2 -
Stps begun in Area 3 - Left early today 11:00

8-19-86

Completed Stps area 3 - began some north
of Area 1.

8-20-86 - rain / lab day

organized lab - washed artifacts

8-21-86 - rain / lab day

did Creamware distribution

maps for Areas 1, 2 and 3.

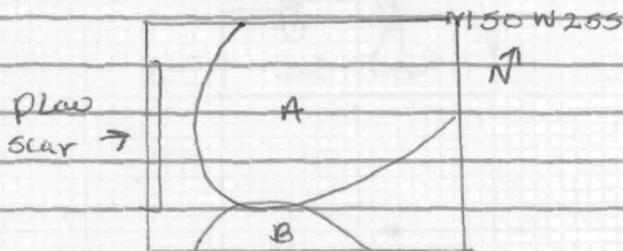
Catalogued artifacts

8-22-86

Began excavation of unit 150 N 255W - working with Eddies. Got most of P2 out - all dirt screened - Found alot of CE and whiteware, barbed wire, nails, a brick(?), large bones

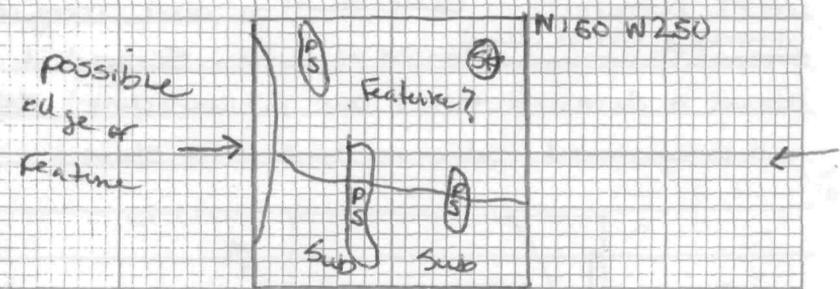
8-23-86

Excavation completed on Unit 150 N 255W - remainder of P2 removed. Came down on dark, irregular soil anomalies (A+B below) ~~that are~~ that are in most of unit. Scraped it back about 4 different times but it wouldnt disappear. We excavated between two soil stains.



They could possibly extend into areas to the north, south and west of 150 255. Artifacts included CE, white ware, cream ware, nail fragments, pipe stem fragments, small brick pcs.

map - 18 22 8 - 18 22 8 - 18 22 8



8.26.86

Working with Edie W. Started
N150 W 250W and took it down to
subsoil. Soil is consistant in texture
and munsell color with other units excavated
in Area III. Two plow scars were located
on unit Floor along west wall.

8.27.86 & 8.28.86

Still in Area III - working with Edie W.
We opened N150 W 250 taking it down
to subsoil. Lots of root intrusion - This
unit is directly under a tree. Unit Floor
reveals 3 plow scars, a 1985 step and possible
edge of feature.

8.29 & 8.30.86

Working with Edie W. Began
N150 W 250 - alot of root intrusion
Finding pipe stem and bowl fragments,
whitewares, CE, bottle of 1905 frags.

I began

stopped in afternoon to do steps and some
triangulation of new units.

N

160 N 250 W



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Small dark
Semi-circular
anomaly



possible
edge of
F37

9.2.86 - 9.4.86

As Finishing N160 W 250

got an edge of Feature (87) along
Scum edge of unit but its not
distinct - 3 other anomalies were located
on unit floor (1, 2 + 3 on rough sketch)

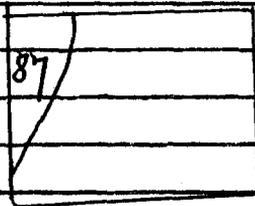
9.5.86 Scraped down, N160 W 260, photo
steps

9.6.86

Began N155 W 245 in area III
recovering nail fragments, CE, whitewash

~~9.8.86~~ 9.8.86

edge of Feature 87 Located
in N155 W 265 - along N & NW Wall



9.10.86 9.11.86

Various tasks

helping Edie map, steps, scraping down
area III -

9.12.86

am - steps areas 1 and 2

afternoon - triangulation of new units

began taking out P2 in 220N 465W

recovering small glass fragments, CE Shards,
whiteware.

9.13.86 continuing 220N 465W

9.16.86

Completed 220N 465W - taking it to subsoil.

unit floor revealed large dark anomaly

extending in from west wall. Unit

not photographed or mapped as at 9.16

9.18.86 Rain / Lab day

9.19.86

am - triangulation of new units

afternoon worked with John Nirowas

9.20.86

worked with a group of 7^m + 8^m graders

from Jonny Lake School in Nirowas.

We got alot of the P2 act - but not all.

they were more interested in screening
and finding artifacts than in shovelling.

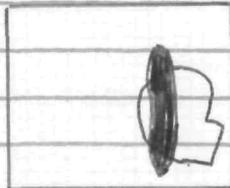
9.23.86

Scraped down NI90

unit floor revealed an str and a

large circular anomaly with a plow

scar intruding into it.



9.24.86

am - opened new unit with school ^{N795}
group from Jersey. We didn't get out ^{N7448}
of the PZ - not surprising since I had
to continually chase them around the site to
get them to come back and shovel.

afternoon - scraped down LEO to. It
was nice and quiet. No kids.

Plow scar is distinct and is running through
feature. Not mapped or photographed as of 9.24

9.25.86 rain - spent morning in lab

afternoon - began 2k x 5
N145 W253 with Betty

9.26.86

Completed N145 W253 taking

it down to subsoil. Large mottled
anomaly is located center of unit close
to north line. Doesn't seem related to F36.

Revealed some nail and metal frags. CE
and whitewash sherds, pipe stem frags.

9. 27. 86

Working with Lee Preston
volunteers in Naswaps the unit
that the Jemicy kids started. Worked
all day on it but still not out of P2.

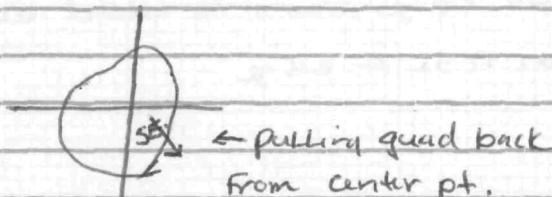
9. 30. 86

mapped N145 N25

Scraped down W190 W45
and 450

10. 1. 86

cleaned N40 W450 for photo
took opening elevations, set up for
and began excavation of F86.
Excavating SE quad first.



Initial Scraping find soil evenly
distributed over quad but after taking it
down a few tenths it is apparent that the
feature ~~is~~ has much more depth along the quads
west wall and is shallower along its outer edges.

Contd. →

F86 Soil is a loam 3/3 dark brown
silty clay loam mottled with 30% loam
3/2 very dark grayish brown silty clay
loam (possible root disturbance) 15%
7.5% or 4/6 strong brown clay loam w/ mica
and 10% 4/9 6/5 yellowish brown clay loam.

Finding some nail and metal fragments,
and CE but also ceramic and
clay pipe stem and bowl fragments.

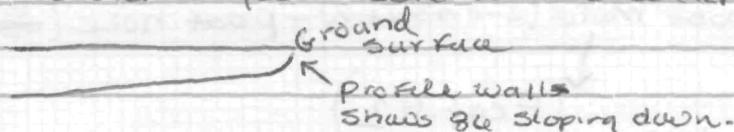
First indications suggest Feature 86
as a trash pit due to its circular
appearance and mixture of 19th and 18th
century artifacts.

Excavated about .5 today. Somewhat
slow going. ^{Area located} Northern most point of
outer edge seems to extend down deeper
than rest of edge.

10-3-84

Continuing in Feature 36 -

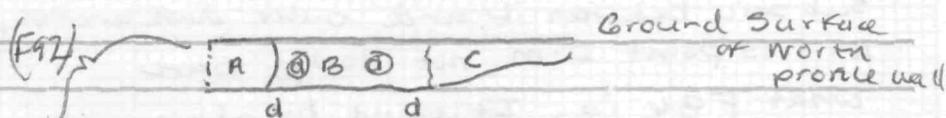
I've excavated down far enough to see that the Feature is dish shaped in that it Sloped From its outer edges down to the center.



I didnt catch this at first. there is root disturbance (a dark area very similar in color to FB6) located in the corner and I didnt ~~catch~~ notice this "dish" shape until I was able to view the profile wall. Artifacts are not plentiful but are from 18th century - more pipe stem frags. and Creamware Shards.

afternoon -

exposed enough of profile wall ^(down to sub) to notice 2 distinct features.



A - 10yr 4/3 brown (dk brown silty clay loam

B - 10yr 3/3 dk brown silty clay loam

C - 90% 10yr 4/3 brown (dk brown

silty clay loam mottled with 10yr 5/4 yellowish brown clay loam

d - 10yr silty yellowish brown clay loam (subsoil)

took munsell colors to determine difference in soil colors but havent drawn profile yet.

Cont →

various artifacts still indicate that F86 is a possible trash pit but profile wall leads me to think that 86 could be a post mold (a-on skaton); post hole (~~86~~).

↓ (Feat. 92)
10-4-86

Some of the possible post mold was inadvertently removed with F86. I was looking for the shallow outer edge to slope down towards the thicker center - which I originally perceived to be part of 86 itself.

Remainder the rest of 86 from overall SE Quad. Perhaps center feature could be a large tap root (its soil is loose and rooty) and there is a definite area of displaced sub soil between it and outer dark anomaly. At this point I'm not 100% sure what F86 is. It could be a large trash pit but if there are a post hole and post mold present are they intrusive into 86 or is 86 intrusive into them?
stay Tuned.

10-7-86

working with B+T volunteers
at New 430 - P2 not completely
cut. Recovering a lot of CE, some
pearlware, plain and hand painted,
pipe stem fragments and nail fragments

10-8-86

am- helped out Camille by screening
her dirt for her.

afternoon tried out new Flotation System -
Light Fraction bags and conductive
for water flow - the material is strange
I had to shake and squeeze the bag.
This took a lot of time. I only got one
sample done.

10-9-86

opened up new unit with Jean
Dinkel kids ^(New 430) they were not really
prepared to work - I had to spend a lot
of time explaining the hows and whys of
excavation to them. Recovered some of PE.
Recovered CE shards, nail frags, large green
bottle glass frags, Whitlock shards

10-10-86

Flotation - F10 material

10-11-86

am - worked with Al in his unit -
it was dry - almost impossible
to travel

afternoon - water screened F22 material.

10-14-86

rain / bad day

10-15-86

am - worked with volunteer Roger.

Spent a lot of time explained Field method
to him and showing him how to operate
Screen, and recognize artifacts.

afternoon - water screened F22 soil
with Roger and Betsy.

10-16-86

am - Flotation of F10 material
afternoon - working with Jean Dinkel
with kids - Still not out of P2

10-17-86

Flotation - F10 and F22 material

10-18-86

Workshop - Explained water screening
and Flotation to visitors

10-21-86

am Helped John out - screening soil
from his unit.

afternoon - Flotation F22 material

10-22-86 Flotation all day - F22 material

10-23-86 water screened F22 material with
the Ryan Mow girls.

afternoon - Jean Dinkel Kids (N240 W439)
Still not out of P2

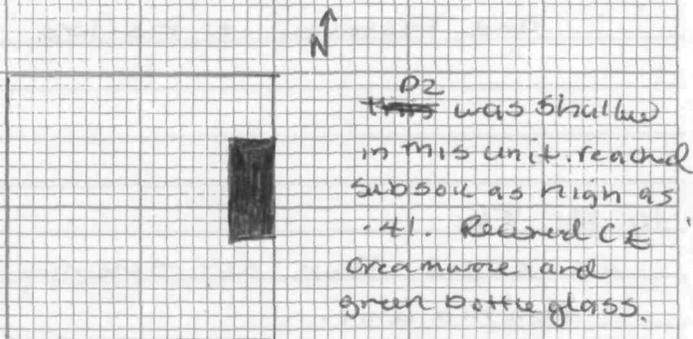
Recovery more CE, white wax, pipe stem frags.
red stain.

10-24-86

Began excavation of new unit with volunteers
N190 W435. Removed most of the PZ.

10-25-86

Continuing in N190 W435. With two
volunteers Term and her sister. Removed
remainder of PZ down to sub soil.
Noticed dark, rectangular anomaly extend-
ing out from East wall.



10-28-86

Worked in N240 W430
Located an Stp (198u) in NE corner
and a large, reddish, rock in SE corner.
Rock feels soupy and soft to the touch.
Camille thinks it could be part of
an aboriginal hearth. I'm not sure.

10-29-86

am - water screen F22 material with
volunteers
afternoon - continued same with John

10-30-86

am - traveled down with Kate
afternoon - water screen F10 material with
the Dunkel kids.

10-31-86

Scraped down N190 W435

11-1-86

am - busy volunteer day - alot of dogs too
opened up N255 W435 (the 4-legged King)
went off F10 - worked with two high school
student volunteers -
continued by myself afternoon

11-4-86 Rain/lab day

11-5-86 Rain/lab day

11.6.86

am Flotation of F22 material
afternoon - traversed all of area III
with Eddie for photo

11.7.86 am - prepared area III
for photo with photo tower
afternoon - went into lab to wash
artifacts

11.8.86

Lab workshop
washed artifacts in lab

11.11.86 Rain/lab day

11.12.86 in
am - lab - washing artifacts
afternoon - worked on N110 W35
D2 still not completely out.

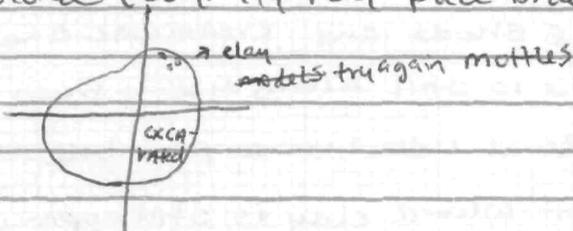
11.13.86

Drew profile of FB4 SE Quad

Began excavation of NE Quad - pulling it back from the south or profile wall.

1 CE Sherd and 1 polychrome Creamware Sherd were laying directly on feature surface.

Soil color and texture is consistent with that removed from SE Quad except along the North outer edge where I noticed a light colored (LOyr 714 very pale brown clay)



11.14.86 Rain/lab day

Spent day picking floatation

11.15.86

Drew Feat 92 and Feat. 84
on Feature Forms

Went into lab to warm up - washed artifacts - did paperwork

afternoon - went back out into field
worked with Bob taking P2
out of N250 with

11-18-86

Continuing in F86 NE Quad
removing dark feature soil. Like SE
Quad NE Quad Slopes From its center
edges down to the center of 86 - Feet 92.

Recovering alot of nails and metal frags
CE Sheds and Creamwax Sheds.

F86 is still acting like a trash pit - why
does it look like a post hole - post mold?
Light colored clay is still apparent ~~as~~ as
well as contained along north-outer edges.

Kate and Robert discussed the possibility
of F86 being a large planting hole with
subsequent fill and trash placed around
it. Sounds good but then ~~a~~ they
started talking about it being a UFO thruster
pad or lawn furniture remnants so who
can believe them. With supervisors like them.
But - everything is going OK

afternoon - waterscreened F86 material
found some small seeds, CE Sheds, a
metal something and - on no - charcoal.

11.19.86

Scraped down N190 w435 am
N240 w430 afternoon

11.20.86

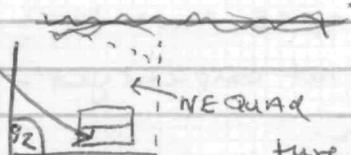
open house day - ^{also} it's raining
channel 13 came in the am
spent the afternoon in the lab washing
artifacts and drinking mulled cider.

11.21.86

Back in F86 NE Quad

Have removed most of Feature down
to subsoil. First I've been taking F92
down a few tenths then bringing F86 down
level with it. 2 large oyster shell halves have
come out of 92 as well as 1 CK sherd and
a small, green, curved glass fragment.

Noticed a squarish dark area directly east
of F92. It was bisected and the south $\frac{1}{2}$
excavated to determine if it is a separate
Feature.



No artifacts

or soil color or texture
difference was noted.

In profile it looked like this:

 very much like a root
! Sub soil! intrusion or rodent run!

afternoon - spent in lab

11-22-86

Feature 95 (within Feature 86)

First noted - credit goes to Robert for sighting it.

While removing scart remains of F86 a light almost white colored soil area squared up around Feature 92 - perhaps an animal post hole. It's a compact and gritty soil much different than what surrounded it or was on top of it. Since this stuff was not noted at a higher elevation could this mean that the post hole and mound preceded F86?



Began running F92 and F95 separately. Scoping 92 out with a spoon and then taking 95 down level with it. excavation not completed yet -

after rain - water covered F86 NE Quad material.

11. 25. 86

am Scraped down N190W 435

Went into Lab around 10 to wait

For the invisible counters,

Came back at lunch (of course)

afternoon worked in N 750 W 440

11. 26. 86 rain | Lab day

11. 27 - 11. ~~28~~³⁰ Thanksgiving Break

12-1-86

Continuing to remove F95 - soil

is getting grittier as it is taken down

but remains the same color.

Removed the rest of F92 today - 92

got smaller in diameter as it was taken

down. Underneath 92 was a loam like

clay. 95 appears to continue or much

deeper than 92.

12-2-86 rain | Lab day

12.3.86

am working with Edie removing
P2 From N250 w 430

also - Scraped N190 w 435 down
it was photographed and mapped

afternoon - Some time left - spent it
removing hole Fill (95) from around
excavated F92

12.4.86

removed remainder of F95 today.
Hole Fill consists of several soils of
differing colors and textures and grittiness.

I think that the post mold and hole
preceded F86 - a trash pit. Perhaps
the trash was piled around the post - or
what was left of it - profile wall shows
soils slanting - not level across wall.
The post could have been set in at an
angle or pulled out at an angle displacing
the soils around it thus.

excavated
F95
post
excavated

12.5.86

cleaned and travelled FB6
and some areas surrounding it
for photos of excavated areas of
FB6 and profile wall. * need - closing elevations
and 685

12.6.86 spent the morning in the lab
because of cold weather.

afternoon - drew profile of ~~the~~ West
wall of FB6 - see drawing for detail.

12.9.86 Rain 1 Labday
began numbering artifacts

12.10.86

am and most of afternoon - water screened
soils from Features 45 and 87.

also - mapped Features in bottom of N246 W430

12-11-86

Lab day numbered artifacts
 in the morning

Screened Flotation (Heavy Fraction)
Samples in the afternoon

12-12-86 am - Screened Flotation (Heavy Fraction) Samples
 afternoon - washed artifacts

12-13-86 am - Screened Flotation (Heavy Fraction) Samples
 afternoon - numbered artifacts

12-16-86 numbered artifacts

12-17-86 - 12-20-86 lab days

numbered ~~and began~~
artifacts

Flotation, Water Screening

12-22-86

Catalogued / coded artifacts

12-23-86 am coded artifacts

afternoon - helped Eddie with profile
of Feat. 10

12-24-86 - 12-29-86 Christmas Break

12-30-86 Worked in lab completing paperwork